

**Exhibit C**

**Prince Declaration**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)

(Jointly Administered)

**DECLARATION OF ZACHARY PRINCE IN SUPPORT OF THE  
DEBTOR'S APPLICATION FOR THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING  
THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP AND  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS  
AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION EFFECTIVE AS OF NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

I, Zachary Prince, Chief Executive Officer and President, of BlockFi Inc. being duly sworn, state the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer and President of BlockFi Inc. located at 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.
2. I submit this declaration (this "Declaration") in support of the *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Kirkland & Ellis LLP as Attorneys for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Effective as of November 28, 2022* (the "Application").<sup>2</sup> Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: BlockFi Inc. (0015); BlockFi Trading LLC (2487); BlockFi Lending LLC (5017); BlockFi Wallet LLC (3231); BlockFi Ventures LLC (9937); BlockFi International Ltd. (N/A); BlockFi Investment Products LLC (2422); BlockFi Services, Inc. (5965) and BlockFi Lending II LLC (0154). The location of the Debtors' service address is 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Application.

**The Debtors' Selection of Counsel**

3. The Debtors recognize that a comprehensive review process is necessary when selecting and managing chapter 11 counsel to ensure that bankruptcy professionals are subject to the same client-driven market forces, scrutiny, and accountability as professionals in non-bankruptcy engagements.

4. Ultimately, the Debtors retained Kirkland because of its extensive experience in corporate reorganizations, both out-of-court and under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. More specifically, Kirkland is familiar with the Debtors' business operations and many of the potential legal issues that may arise in the context of these chapter 11 cases. I believe that Kirkland is both well qualified and uniquely able to represent the Debtor in these chapter 11 cases in an efficient and timely manner.

**Rate Structure**

5. In my capacity as Chief Executive Officer and President, I am responsible for supervising outside counsel retained by the Debtors in the ordinary course of business. Kirkland has informed the Debtors that its rates for bankruptcy representations are comparable to the rates Kirkland charges for non-bankruptcy representations. As discussed below, I am also responsible for reviewing the statements regularly submitted by Kirkland, and can confirm that the rates Kirkland charged the Debtors in the prepetition period are the same as the rates Kirkland will charge the Debtors in the postpetition period.

**Cost Supervision**

6. The Debtors have approved the prospective budget and staffing plan for the period from November 28, 2022 to March 31, 2023, recognizing that in the course of a large chapter 11 case like these chapter 11 cases, it is possible that there may be a number of unforeseen fees and

expenses that will need to be addressed by the Debtors and Kirkland. The Debtors further recognize that it is their responsibility to monitor closely the billing practices of their counsel to ensure the fees and expenses paid by the estate remain consistent with the Debtors' expectations and the exigencies of the chapter 11 cases. The Debtors will continue to review the statements that Kirkland regularly submits, and, together with Kirkland, amend the budget and staffing plans periodically, as the case develops.

7. As they did prepetition, the Debtors will continue to bring discipline, predictability, client involvement, and accountability to the counsel fees and expenses reimbursement process. While every chapter 11 case is unique, these budgets will provide guidance on the periods of time involved, the level of the attorneys and professionals that will work on various matters, and projections of average hourly rates for the attorneys and professionals for various matters.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: December 22, 2022  
Jersey City, New Jersey

/s/ Zachary Prince  
Zachary Prince  
BlockFi Inc.  
Chief Executive Officer and President